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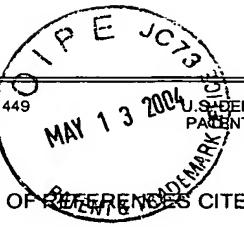
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References AO (JP 2000-166598) on Form PTO-1449 is discussed on page 11 in the specification.

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